12.15 hrs and arrives Farrukhabad at 5.15 hrs. These timings are by and large acceptable to the passengers on Farrukhabad-Delhi section.

Cut in Allocation of Funds for Education

71. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in the Times of India' dated the 17th September, 1988 under the caption "Fun shortage hits education plans";

(b) if so, whether due to drastic cut in allocations made for implementation of the new education policy, the plans are in doldrums; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for drastic cuts in allocations and what steps Government propose to take to provide adequate funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is a resource constraint. Notwithstanding the overall constraint however, efforts are being made to implement the thrust areas under NPE as best as possible.

(c) The resources made available for education depend upon the total availability of resources for developmental activities and the competing demands from other sectors.

Maintenance of National Highways

72. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total kilometerage of roads under National Highways and approximate amount sanctioned per annum for their maintenance during the last three years;

(b) whether the annual budgetary allocation is considered sufficient for the maintenance of these highways; and

(c) if not, in what manner Government propose to provide additional funds for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The total length of National Highways is 32138 km. The following amount was sanctioned for maintenance of National Highways during the last three years.

Year	Amount
1985-86	Rs. 90.00 crores
1986-87	Rs. 94.25 crores
1987-88	Rs. 99.03 crores

(b) and (c) Because of constraints of financial resources and other priorities, it has not been possible to get the required allocations for the maintenance of these highways.

Bogus Recruitment by the Divisional Railway Managers of Lucknow and Allahabad

73. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1050 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) the progress made so far in resolving the cases of irregular engagement of casual labour and substitutes on Allahabad and Lucknow Divisions, including a case of alleged fictitious payments of wages to 29 substitutes on the Lucknow Division; and

(b) if so, what is the out-come of the C.B.I. or Railway Administrative inquiry in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from Northern Railwawy and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.